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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CU/EE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

REF: PRAGUE 1092

1. AT AIRPORT FAREWELL FOR AMBASSADOR JOHANES
APRIL 26 CHARGE SPOKE WITH ZANTOVSKY (HEAD SIXTH
DEPT MFA) AND HIS DEPUTY NOVOTNY ABOUT PROPOSED VISIT
BY SAM WISE.

2. DURING DISCUSSION OF CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR
CULT-SCI EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, NOVOTNY BROUGHT UP
WISE VISIT AND SAID MFA HAD LOOKED INTO IT AND
ANSWER WAS DEFINITELY NO, BECAUSE OF PNG ACTION.
CHARGE NOTED (A) THAT ORIGINAL PNG CHARGES WERE FALSE,
(B) THAT WISE VISIT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY
USEFUL INLIGHT OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, AND
(C) THAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OFTEN DECIDED TO READMIT
FORMER PNG SUBJECTS FOLLOWING A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.
ZANTOVSKY REPLIED THAT ONLY FIVE YEARS HAD ELAPSED SINCE WISE
PNG. CONVERSATION WAS NOT ACRIMONIOUS, BUT CZECHOSLOVAK POSITION
SEEMS FIRM.

3. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE DONE ALL WE COULD AT THIS TIME
HERE IN PRAGUE. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT A
REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE SOME
EFFECT, PERHAPS IN CONNECTION WITH SOME OF AMBASSADOR JOHANES'
EARLY CALLS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY LEAVES THIS TO JUDGEMENT OF
DEPARTMENT. WE WILL NOT PLAN ANY FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS HERE
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